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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION

EPIC GAMES, INC.

Plaintiff, Counter-defendant
v.

APPLE INC.,

Defendant, Counterclaimant

Case No. 4:20-cv-05640-YGR-TSH

**DECLARATION OF MARK A. PERRY IN
SUPPORT OF APPLE INC.'S
ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO SEAL**

The Honorable Thomas S. Hixson

1 I, Mark A. Perry, hereby declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of California and a member of the Bar
3 of this Court. I am a partner at the law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, counsel of record for Apple
4 Inc. (“Apple”) in this case. I am familiar with Apple’s treatment of highly proprietary and confidential
5 information based on my personal experience representing Apple. I have personal knowledge of the facts
6 stated below and, if called as a witness, would testify competently thereto. I submit this declaration in
7 support of Apple’s Administrative Motion to Seal (the “Motion”).¹

9 2. I am aware that the law of this Circuit allows information to be filed under seal for good
10 cause or in certain compelling circumstances. I also understand that courts routinely seal filings where
11 documents include a company’s trade secrets, internal codenames, confidential research and
12 development, personally identifiable information, or other commercially sensitive information. I
13 understand that this Court has broad latitude to prevent the public disclosure of these categories of
14 commercially sensitive information, among other categories.

16 3. Apple operates in an intensely competitive environment. Apple has serious and legitimate
17 concerns that competitors will be quick to capitalize on any release of Apple’s highly sensitive
18 information in order to gain competitive advantage. As such, Apple takes extensive measures to protect
19 the confidentiality of its information.

20 4. Apple has carefully reviewed the exhibit to Apple’s Objections to Special Master Rulings
21 on Apple’s Productions of Re-Reviewed Privileged Documents (“Objections”), which was filed under
22 section 4 of the Joint Stipulation and Order Approving Privilege Re-Review Protocol (the “Protocol”),
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25 ¹ Courts in the Ninth Circuit routinely grant motions to seal based on declarations of counsel. *See, e.g.,*
26 *In re Apple Secs. Litig.*, 19-cv-02033-YGR, Dkt. 223 (N.D. Cal.); *In re Qualcomm Litig.*, No. 17-cv-
27 00108-GPC, Dkt. 398-1 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 26, 2018); *Avago Techs. U.S. Inc. v. Iprionics Inc.*, No. 10-cv-
28 02863-EJD, Dkt. 544 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 3, 2015); *Cisco Sys., Inc. v. OpenTV Inc.*, No. 13-cv- 00282-
EJD, Dkt. 76 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 8, 2013). If the Court deems this declaration insufficient, Apple respectfully requests that it be permitted to file a further declaration supporting filing under seal.

1 and now proposes to partially seal information therein that, if disclosed, could harm Apple's competitive
2 business interests.

3 5. Apple seeks to seal this information because the privilege log is required to be filed under
4 the terms of the Protocol but contains sensitive, non-public information regarding Apple's internal
5 codenames, which Apple intends to keep confidential. Public disclosure would reveal Apple's internal
6 business decision-making, which could be used by competitors to gain an unfair competitive advantage
7 over Apple. Disclosure of the sealed information relating to confidential project codenames could harm
8 Apple's business interests.
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10 6. Apple has narrowly tailored its sealing request as to maximize the public's access to court
11 documents without jeopardizing Apple's business interests. The remainder of the privilege log exhibit
12 remains unredacted.
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14 7. Below is a chart detailing the portions of the privilege log exhibit sealable for the reasons
15 explained herein, as well as in Apple's Motion.

16 Portion of Document Sought to Be Sealed	Document Title	Reason to Seal
17 Highlighted information in 18 the "OriginalName" column 19 of row entry 2 within the 20 privilege log.	Exhibit A to Objections (Privilege Log Entries)	Reflects non-public Apple project codenames

21 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and
22 correct. Executed this 28th day of April 2025, in Washington, D.C.
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Dated: April 28, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Mark A. Perry
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